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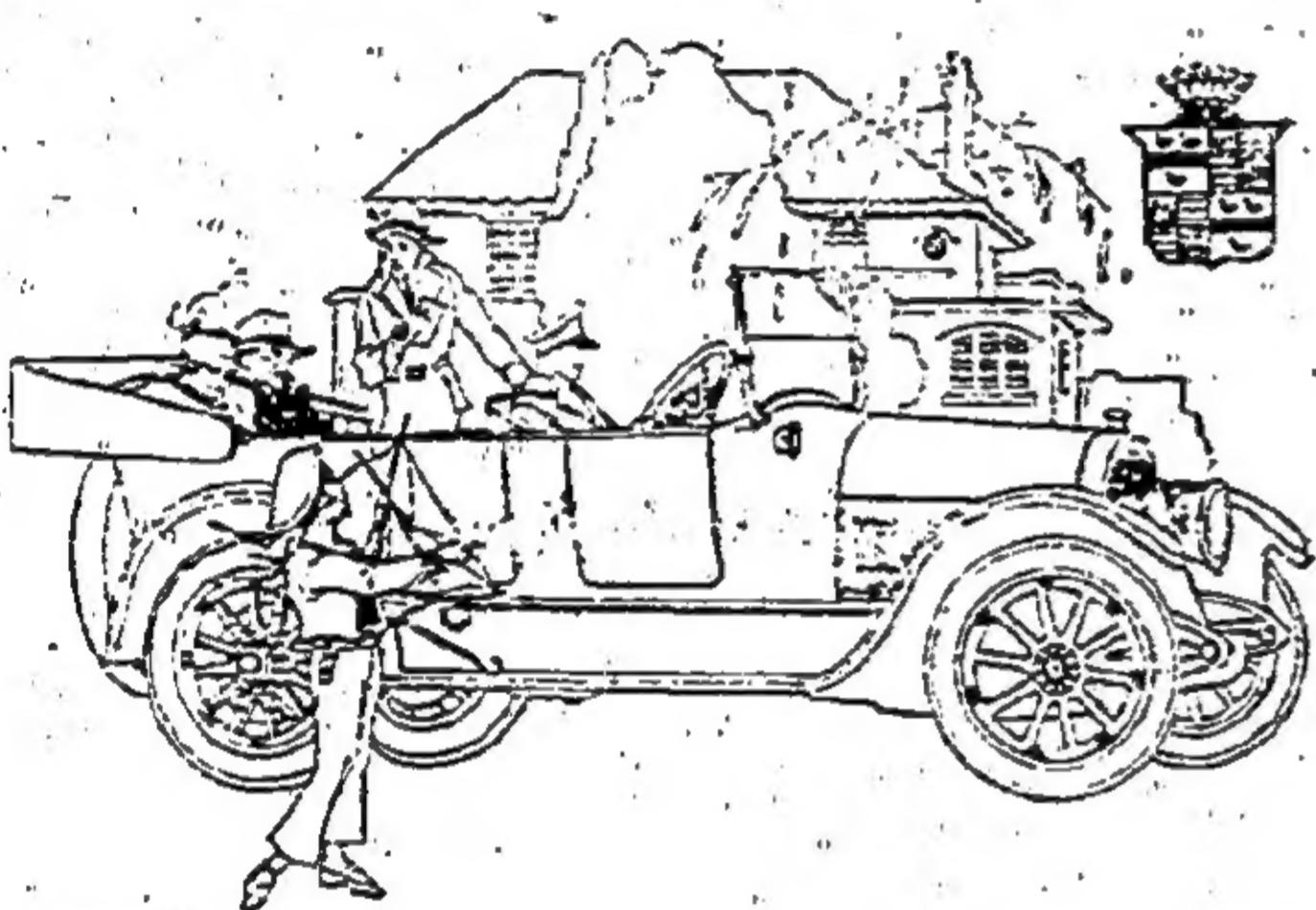
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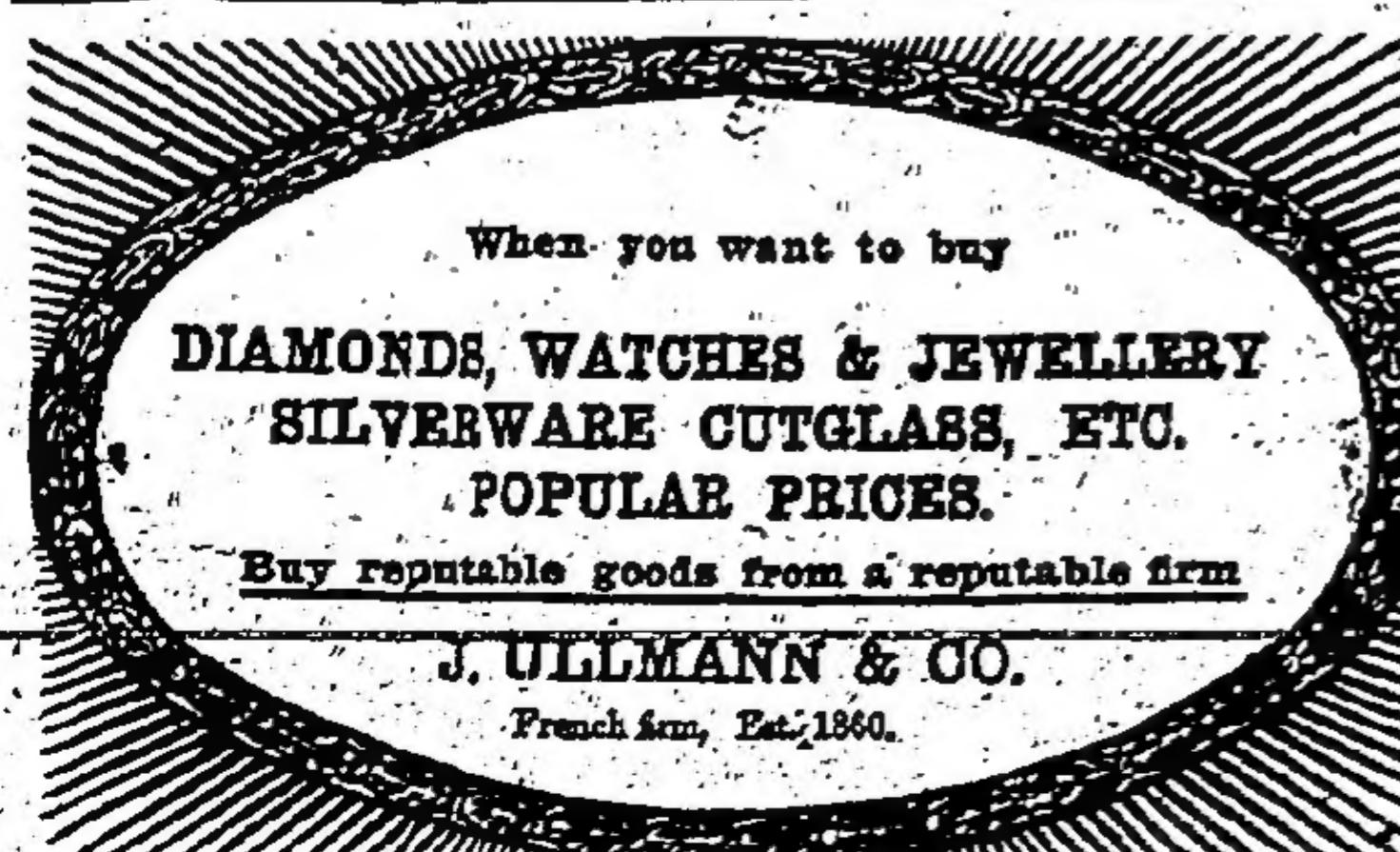
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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PARIS CONFERENCE

ALLEVIAZIONE OF AUSTRIA'S PLIGHT CONSIDERED.

DISARMAMENT DECISION.

PARIS, January 25.

The conference this morning considered proposals as regards financing Austrian trade and rehabilitating the country. It was decided that the Austrian question was intimately bound up in the economic condition of Central Europe. Therefore the question was referred to the ministers of commerce of Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium for inquiry, especially how to stabilize exchange. Military experts have reached complete accord on the question of disarmament.

NO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

PARIS, January 25.

It is understood that there is no reason to fear a serious divergence in British and French opinion as regards disarmament. The question on which British and French military experts do not agree is simply the extent of the arms still in the possession of Germany in contravention to the Treaty. The principal difference as regards disarmament is that the British believe that this can be made effectual equally safely a few weeks later than the French think. It is believed that the longest period suggested to carry out all measures does not extend beyond June.

EASTERN QUESTIONS.

PARIS, January 25.

The inter-Allied Conference has decided that an Allied conference in which Greek and Turkish representatives shall participate will shortly assemble in London with a view to reaching a settlement of east Euro questions.

WHY THE DECISION WAS REACHED.

PARIS, January 25.

The decision to hold the Near East conference in London was reached after taking into consideration recent events in Greece and Turkey, notably Constantine's return, the development of the Kemalist movement, the possibility of a union between the Turkish Nationalists and the Bolsheviks, and the recent Greek military failures in Asia Minor. Lord Curzon mooted the idea and M. Briand eagerly supported it. The conference will probably be held on February 21. The Constantinople Government will be free to consult the Mustapha Kemal Government with a view to the composition of the joint Ottoman delegation.

WORLD'S SHIPBUILDING.

ANNUAL SUMMARY SHOWS SHARP FALL IN PRODUCTION.

JAPAN'S REMARKABLE STRIDES.

LONDON, January 25.

Lloyd's Register has issued its annual summary of the world's mercantile shipbuilding which includes only vessels over 100 tons. It shows that the world's production has fallen sharply from 7,144,000 tons in 1919 to 5,861,000 tons in 1920. The latter figure, however, is still an increase of 2,500,000 tons over 1913, which held the pre-war record! The report discloses the remarkable strides made by Japan, whose total output was 456,642 tons, nearly equaling the whole output a decade before the war. The countries with the largest outputs were the United States, Japan, Holland and Canada, totalling 3,275,595 tons comprising 86 per cent of the total output abroad. The total tonnage launched in the Dominions in 1920 was 203,644, or 155,000 less than in 1919.

JAPANESE IN CALIFORNIA.

DISCUSSION OF RIGHTS SUCCESSFULLY TERMINATED.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

It is announced here that negotiations between Mr. Shidehara and Mr. Roland Morris regarding the Californian anti-alien land legislation for a definition of the rights of Japanese in the United States have been successfully terminated subject to the approval of their respective governments. Mr. Shidehara has submitted his report to the Foreign Office at Tokyo and Mr. Morris has his ready for the consideration of Mr. Colby who is expected at Washington from South America on January 27.

TRADE DEPRESSION.

INDUSTRIES IN WALES AND AYRSHIRE REVIVE.

LONDON, January 25.

The succession of announcements of works closing down or going on short time has been pleasantly broken by information that some of the Welsh tin plate works are reopening, while the lace factories in Ayrshire which were working on short time for six months have now resumed full running.

Mr. Houlder, presiding at the annual meeting of the Houlder Line, believed that when the present depression was over we might expect some little rebound which would enable business to be resumed and developed with a moderate margin of profit.

MINERS' CONFERENCE.

REMOVAL OF COAL ANOMALIES URGED.

LONDON, January 25.

The International Miners' Conference, now concluded, passed a resolution noting the statement of the German delegates that stocks of 900,000 tons of coal in the Ruhr region and 300,000 tons in Upper Silesia are at present accumulated and could be distributed inland in compliance with the Spa agreement if the transport was available, also noting that there are accumulations of coal in most mining countries and urging that such anomalies should not be allowed to hinder the improvement of transport and the stabilization of exchange.

COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

Mr. Davis announces that the Communications Conference will be resumed in the near future.

THE DOLLAR.

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THE HASLEWOOD CASE.

OFFICIAL SUPPRESSION OF OPINION.

As age advances, memory begins to play unexpected tricks. The China Mail was not, as we thought yesterday, the first to deal with the ballyhoo of Lieut.-Colonel Haslewood by the local Government. It was handled, and exceedingly well handled, in the following notes in the Daily Press, to which our attention has just been called:

A few weeks ago, it will be remembered, there was a rerudescence of the agitation against "Chinese slavery." Letters and interviews appeared in the papers, and the question was discussed from many points of view. I was not particularly interested at the time because most of the arguments were familiar and I knew that the result locally would be nil. I am, however, particularly interested in those placed in the Daily Press and in free discussion, with a fair field and no favour. I do not, and never shall be able to, repose full confidence in those placed in authority over us so long as their guiding principle in government appears to be to quash, by any means at their disposal, any comment or criticism upon any subject likely to cause trouble or difficulty. "Give peace in my department in my time, O Lord," is a prayer which doubtless many conscientious and hard-working officials offer whilst on their way to the office, and it probably goes up to heaven with greater fervency than usual when changes are anticipated and new tasks have to be undertaken. In one sense the aspiration is pious enough. It becomes impious, however, when it prepossesses one to shut one's eyes to abuses, or when the suppliant makes up his mind to invoke the powers of the devil in order that his ambition may be gratified at any cost.

The lady who was responsible for the most recent outcry against the Chinese custom of buying and selling children may or may not have been ill-advised. I do not, at the moment, wish to enter into a discussion of the merits or demerits of the case. I do know, however, that she was thoroughly sincere and was willing to spend a considerable amount of her own money to help to sweep away a practice which she regarded as a disgrace to a British Colony. Her arguments might have been met fairly and openly, but were they? Her activities were calculated, it seems, to cause annoyances and disturbances, and I should very much like to know the means adopted to bring them to an end. Later on, my wish may be gratified.

In this case there was no question of an ill-advised discussion in public tending towards the creation of racial animosity. Some of the more enlightened Chinese themselves are not proud of the fact that the conditions under which hundreds of thousands of their own people are forced to live, lead to the bartering of children by their parents. Why, then, should indirect pressure be brought to bear upon anyone who, rightly or wrongly, imagines that good can be done by visiting the subject? The lady to whom I have referred was not a fanatic; she was merely humane. She knew that improvements could only be brought about by slow processes, and she endeavoured to enlist the sympathies of certain influential members of both Houses of Parliament, hoping, through them, to secure, as a first step, the registration of all "adopted" servants. Now questions in Parliament are generally regarded by permanent officials as quite unnecessary, very unpleasant, and almost most impudent. Was any pressure brought to bear on the lady's husband, who holds an official position, to induce his wife to leave things alone? I have a shrewd suspicion on the point and it makes me very indignant. The thought that such abominable misuses of power sometimes do occur breeds distrust, and that distrust makes impossible the full measure of sympathy between "the man in the street" and the bureaucrat that is essential to the coming of the millennium.

The delicate international situation which was precipitated by the killing by a Japanese soldier in Vladivostok of Chief Engineer Langdon of the U.S.S. "Albany" has been adjusted, says *Merita Times*. Admiral Gleaves, commanding the Asiatic Fleet, who left Manila for Shanghai aboard the destroyer "Elliott," returned aboard the same vessel without completing the journey.

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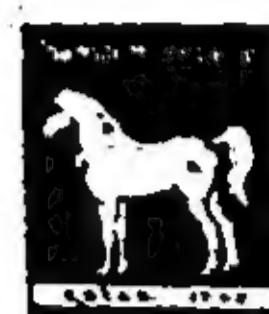
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary
to the General Manager.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG LAND
RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY,
28th January both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary
to the General Manager.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF
& GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Office of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., LTD., on
FRIDAY, February 4th, 1921, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with the Statement of
Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1920.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January
26th, 1921, to FRIDAY, February 4th, 1921,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST
ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held
at the Office of the Company, Hotel
Mansions, on MONDAY, 19th February,
1921, at 11 A.M. for the pur-
pose of receiving a Report of the
Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts, declaring a Dividend and
electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 25th January,
1921, to 7th February, 1921, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON
& GLOBE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE PEKING-HANKOW LINE of
the CHINESE GOVERNMENT
RAILWAYS invite sealed proposals
of bridge contractors for designing and
building a new steel bridge about 2500
metres in length across the Yellow River
(Wiang-ko). Proposals will be received
up to noon of June 30th, 1921, at
the office of Peking-Hankow Railway,
Peking, China, plans, rules and
specifications can be obtained from the
following offices:

Peking: Peking-Hankow Railway,
American, British, Belgian, French,
Italian, and Japanese Legations.

Foreign: Chinese Legations, Wash-
ington, London, Brussels, Paris, Rome
and Tokyo.

All applications for same must be
accompanied with pounds £ for foreign
countries and with dollars 30 for
Peking.

PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY
ADMINISTRATION.

St. Andrew's Hall

Monday, 31st Jan.

at 5.30 p.m.

FAREWELL RECITAL
Sklareski
Sklareski
Sklareski
Tickets at Anderson's
Prices: \$3, \$2 & \$1.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

RACE WEEK.

DINNER DANCES will be held on
the following dates:

WEDNESDAY, 23rd February, 1921.

SATURDAY, 26th February, 1921.

DERBY DAY.

THURSDAY, 24th February, 1921.

FANCY DRESS BALL AND SUPPER
(Fancy Dress optional).

Tickets \$1.—per head including Supper
and Refreshments.

In view of the fact that the accom-
modation will be limited, and in order
to avoid over-crowding, incoming
patrons are advised to book early.

F. A. AGLEN,

Inspector, General of Customs.

PEKING, 14th January, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB
Open Billiard Championship
of the Colony.

ENTRIES for the above Champion-
ship close on the 26th instant to
the Hon. Secretary.

Entrance Fee \$2.00.

Competitors are also requested to
attend at the Club on the 26th instant
at 6 p.m.

R. C. WITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

CHINESE CUSTOMS
NOTIFICATION.

FAMINE RELIEF SURTAX.

THE Collection of this SURTAX is to
begin on 1st March and be in force
for one year

Finest Australian
WATTLE BLOSSOM
HONEY.
Very rich flavour and of
exceptionally high quality.
Price per 1 lb. bottle \$1.25.

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DEATH.

MICKLE.—D. M. Mickle, Standard Oil Company of New York, Hongkong, died at sea on board steamer "Japan," on January 25.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 1921.

ROBERT BURNS.

Foolish men debate as to whether they have a soul or not. It misleads. This talk of possessing a soul as one may possess a gramophone or a wig or a grandfather clock or a bank account is most misleading. If the existence of the soul is to be admitted, it must be clearly recognized that it is the soul which possesses the man, and not the other way round. Soul possessed this great man who was born 162 years ago to-day. He was, as the saying goes, "all soul". There are people who perceive faults in his character as well as in his work, but they overlook that

"the light that led astray."

Was light from Heaven. For of such a character it is quite possible, and quite fair to invert a line by another poet of a quieter order, and to declare that "even his virtues leaned to failing's side." We may find the same idea in the teaching of Jesus concerning a woman who had "loved much." There are modern triflers with trifling literature who prize of a "renaissance of wonder." Students of Burns know that this wonder is a vital element of his poetry. Wonder is here a name for awareness of life. Numbers of our fellow men live, as it were, in a

and Shakespear. Purity is not to be attained without some sedimentary deposit. If Robert Burns the man had to "guid advice but barbit," we should have lost Robert Burns the poet. "We should have had instead, in his own words, a creature who 'led a market' or strayed in a bank." There are plenty such. We need fear no dearth of them. Poets of soul are few. Poets who help the renaissance of wonder, "which 'in stupor we forget,'" should not be advised by Mrs. Grundy nor timmed by convention. "Our weak eyes may use smoked glass against excessive sunlight, but let us not employ the glass of prudery to darken the light of soul, which forever attacks our blinded windows as the dawn was seldom seen. After all, his mirth and fun so fast and furious is but a little heap beside the mound of melancholy he so beautifully expresses for those who feel it but are inarticulate. It is not only for Scottish exiles that he sings, but for all exiles, summoning visions of the beloved familiar things that crouch in the innermost recesses of remembering hearts. Were not his heart light he would die of sorrow, like a caged lark. Robert Burns having once known with what provocation, perhaps to placate some chiding friend, praised prudent, cautious, self-control as "wisdom's root," one of his biographers avises that the physician could not cure himself, moralizes with offensive cheapness that want of prudent self-control underlay most of his sufferings and calamities. This sort of talk is painful. The respectable leader of a market is unable to guess that what may seem calamities to him may be triumphs to the soul. If Burns was a failure, he must be one of the most triumphantly successful failures in the whole history of the development of soul. Unhappy, dark, basitian, the minds that may not see this, that must measure genius by its bank balance, and soul by the cut of the coat that hides it.

Though this were fair to them and brave And this the verdict as they know it The seer sighs among them! They ken na what's a poet. If Robert Burns had died in the workhouse or on the hangman's scaffold, there would be no occasion for lament so long as he left the monument he has. His nippings of booze, his amorous lapses, his God! that this should be named in the one breath financial failure, are not even to be mentioned as spots upon a sun. Rather are they the incidents, known to the gardener but discreetly ignored by the artist, that must attend the cultivation of roses. If the Burns garden bloom with loneliness, why harp upon the manure dug into it? It is possible to be aesthetically unjust to dung...

How glad we are to read in one of his own letters that though he made pretty good progress in measurement and surveying, he made greater progress in the knowledge of mankind. That, for all his own compliment to prudent self-control, is wisdom's real root. In passion and in suffering the poet must learn what he teaches in song. To know himself, to know mankind, are essentials; we may as well agree with Stevenson (since it is visible in the works of Burns also) that it may be an additional advantage to know the Shorter Catechism, or the things of thought for which that stood in Scotland. Nevertheless, they are not truly alive. They are sleep-walkers. They are automatic. They see as in a glass, darkly. They have not penetrated the soul, but are revolving about it as a moth about a light. That is what it is to "have a soul," to awake to light, to see light, and to live in it. For Robert Burns life was exceptionally full. He was aware of everything, from the fieldmouse and the daisy to the mountains and to God. He saw all and he felt all. That is why his poetry, some of it in dialect unfamiliar, has such an universal appeal. The soul is, it seems, waiting to possess each one of us. We image it as eager to have us. Robert Burns calls, and we see the light as a glow that attracts us. Some of us make to ward it, and miss it. It is not an occulting light; it is our own nictitation that cause us to lose sight of it. Beware of supposing that his occasional coarsenesses indicate that the poet himself, sometimes thinks, "I'm a man." Occasionally, as in "a man's a man," he is simple and direct and homilectic. The best of his sermons in rhyme is perhaps the address "to the unco guid." How fine, that verse beginning: Think, when your castigated pulse

Gies now and then a wallop, What rages must their veins convulse! That still eternal gallop. What is done we may compute only in part; of the temptations resisted we are ignorant.

Turn we for a moment to remark the artist eye betrayed in countless places in these writings. He was not born with philosophy, preoccupied with politics, nor entirely devoted to fun. He carried the seeing eye, the appreciative eye, for beauty in more than female form. He noted when The berries were hirpin down the furrs.

The lav-rocks they were chantin He marked the setting sun, and the plowmen wild-whistlin on the moor,

the daisy, and the field mouse, out of doors, as well as he did all the subtle indications of human nature indoors, or wherever folk were gathered together. He is at his best whenever

"rough at the rustic plough Learning his tuneful trade" and least loveable when spring the professional poets, as in the sketch of a character who

"loves his own smart shadow in the streets.

Better than e'er the fairest she meets.

That is clever enough, but we feel it is derivative, that it is not Burns at home with the soul of Burns. Yet, as a poet should be, he is infinitely various, and it would require a large book, rather than one essay, to scan the lavish jungle of the output of the man whose memory we would honour on this especial day. Of him, as he wrote of a friend, we may repeat:

Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd.

Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:

If there's another world, he lives in bliss,

If there is none, he made the best of this.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Our Robert Burns article was written to appear yesterday, Burns' birthday, but was not received in time.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. J. S. Smith, to Miss Annie Bertha Petersen, of Station Hotel, Kowloon.

A building lot at Pokfulum was put up to auction on Monday by the Government and sold to Miss Wallace for the upset price of \$90. The lot comprises 16,500 square feet.

The members of the engineering staff of the Canton-Shanghai Railroad are now on strike, declaring that their new superintendent of works is an incompetent engineer.

There will be a motor road from the North Gate of Canton to the district of Tsungfa, some 159 miles, if the proposal of an interested party to run a motor-car service is realized.

H. E. the Governor is to distribute prizes and medals in connection with the Hongkong and Kowloon Poor Boys' Free Schools and Chang Sing Free Night School at the Tsang Foo School (Kowloon City) this afternoon.

Three young foreigners who had left Shanghai on the "Chikugo Maru" as stowaways were sent back to the Chinese port by the "Yawata Maru" on January 10, says the "Nagasaki Press." When first discovered they were mistaken for black men but the colour came off when they were washed.

The N. C. D. Mail understands that Mr. Charles R. Crane, the U. S. Minister to Peking, has donated \$150,000 to the new project, which aims at erecting three Y.M.C.A. clubs in Shanghai. Mr. George A. Finch, the general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in China, has just returned from a visit to Peking in connection with the proposed scheme, and it is understood that arrangements are now under way.

It is understood that the Japanese Government propose to introduce in the Diet next session a bill to protect tenants against profiteering landlords. Unless a landlord can show good cause before a special Board, he will be prohibited from raising house-rents more than once every 10 years. The landlords naturally will put up strong opposition to the bill in the Diet, and hot debates are anticipated.

While hanging up clothes on the roof of a house in Sawafong yesterday afternoon, a *mai tsai*, aged 11 years, missed her footing and fell into the street below. She was picked up unconscious by Mr. J. A. Strawbe and removed to the Tung Wah Hospital, where an examination showed that the child had luckily escaped serious injury and would be fit for discharge from hospital in the course of the next couple of days.

Says the Canton Times: The Minchi News Agency, misunderstanding the regulations of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, is complaining that Mr. Chan Lin Pak, the comodore of the bank, is responsible for the non-acceptance by the institution of the banknotes of the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank it is understood, only accepts Hongkong currency.

The Cernuschi Museum in Paris, devoted to the art of the Far East, is one of the most interesting places in Paris. It has remained closed since 1914. Now that it is open again many new pieces have been added. There are some fine examples of work in basalt of the Tang epoch. There are statuettes in iron which date from the first century. There is a remarkable collection of figures in terra-cotta exhumed from Chinese tombs which are perhaps 2,000 years old—horses, camels, dancers and women in wonderful robes.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

A NOTEWORTHY OCCASION.

Yesterday was a big day at St. Joseph's College, when the annual distribution of prizes took place. His Excellency the Governor presented the awards and prizes to the success-fultul students. There were many parents and scholars in attendance, and the occasion was noteworthy in every respect.

The Governor was accompanied by H.E. the General Officer Commanding (G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B.), the Rev. D. Pozzoni (Roman Catholic Bishop), Capt. C. S. Faber, M.C. (Aide-de-Camp to the G.O.C.), Capt. McGrath (Aide-de-Camp to the Governor), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. Edwin Ralphs (Inspector of Schools), and others.

The programme of the afternoon's exercises began with an entertainment given by the scholars, that was received with enthusiastic applause. A feature of the entertainment was a parliamentary debate, which was well put on and greatly appreciated. The programme follows:

1—Overture... Prof. Gonzales & Master A. Gay.
2—Part Song... "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," Masters C. Osmund, R. Vaz, P. Castilho, R. Rosario, D. Montalio and C. Silva.
3—Cello Solo... (Selected) Prof. Gonzales

4—Recitation — Lord Byron's "Apostrophe to the Ocean," Master Carlos Silva.

5—Piano Duet... (Selected) Masters M. Silva & E. Carvalho.

6—Violin Solo... "Czardas" ... (V. Monti)

Master Francisco Tritsch.

7—Dialogue... (Parliamentary Debate) "School Discipline Bill," Speaker—E. Carvalho.

Government: Prime Minister, M. Fishman; President of the Local Government Board, P. Castilho; Secretary to the Local Government Board, J. Muller; Education Minister, G. D'Aquino; Mr. Bouncer, Hugh Lim; and Mr. Sputter, A. Muller.

Opposition: Mr. Bunter (Leader), D. Montalio; Mr. Filer, C. Osmund, Mr. Snack, E. Shuster; Mr. Bounder, C. Silva; Mr. Smiler, George Fung, and Mr. Vinegar, M. Silva.

8—Instrumental Trio:

(a) "Serenade" (Victor Herbert).

(b) "Minuet" (Van Beethoven).

Prof. Gonzales, F. Tritsch and Rev. Father Riganti.

Brother Marcial read the annual report on behalf of the Rev. Dr. Almar, who is away on holiday. He extended a hearty welcome to the Governor and visitors, remarking that their presence was an indication of the importance attached to the work of education in which the School was engaged. It was a source of great encouragement to the masters and pupils.

It was highly gratifying to have the opportunity of bearing public testimony to the excellence of the work done in the College, for he was reporting results to which he in no way contributed personally. St. Joseph's College had during the year maintained the reputation it had already acquired in every sphere of its activities. The average enrolment for the year 1920 was 574 and the average daily attendance 532. In the Kowloon branch the numbers were 65 and 56 respectively.

The authorities of the College would like to see a higher percentage in the average attendance, and appealed to parents and guardians to help in this matter. It was only by constant and persistent effort that genuine and lasting success could be attained.

The Inspector of Schools, in his report for the year, said that the College was doing good work. The discipline was good. The essays connected with Empire Day were up to a high standard. The results in the Public Examinations at which the boys presented themselves were as follows:

Class 7b: 1 Lee Fat Shing, 2 Wong Yan Chee 3 Ching Ling Po, 4 Ching Ling Fook, 5 Lau Po Fan 6 Ng Pan, 7 Tang Shing and 8 Ng Kam Cheong.

Class 7a: 1 F. A. Ozorio, 2 K. da Rocha, 3 V. E. Bernardo, 4 L. da Silva, 5 S. Barros, 6 A. Pereira, 7 J. Baleros and 8 S. Remedios.

Class 8b: 1 Lee Fat Shing, 2 Wong Yan Chee 3 Ching Ling Po, 4 Ching Ling Fook, 5 Lau Po Fan 6 Ng Pan, 7 Tang Shing and 8 Ng Kam Cheong.

Class 7a: 1 F. A. Ozorio, 2 K. da Rocha, 3 H. M. Remedios, 4 L. Xavier, 5 Leonel Silva, 6 L. R. Pereira, 7 F. Franco and 8 A. E. Gutierrez.

Class 7b: 1 Cho Nam, 2 F. Tze Min, 3 Kwok Fai, 4 Ho Li Luen, 5 Shiu Yuen, 6 Tze Kai, 7 Wai Lung and 8 Chan Foo Kuen.

Class 6a: 1 Robert Choa, 2 Basil Fung, 3 Quinlan Fung, 4 H. Pinna, 5 A. E. Olasz, 6 C. Silva, 7 H. Noronha and 8 C. Noronha.

Class 6b: 1 Lam Shiu Wah, 2 Lam Shiu Chun, 3 Chan Kai Yin, 4 Lam Tek Seng, 5 Chan Shiu Lum, 6 Lui Wai Chow, 7 Daniel Lui and 8 Chan Foo Kuen.

Class 6c: 1 Robert Chua, 2 Basil Fung, 3 Quinlan Fung, 4 H. Pinna, 5 A. E. Olasz, 6 C. Silva, 7 H. Noronha and 8 C. Noronha.

Class 6d: 1 Lam Shiu Wah, 2 Lam Shiu Chun, 3 Chan Kai Yin, 4 Lam Tek Seng, 5 Chan Shiu Lum, 6 Lui Wai Chow, 7 Daniel Lui and 8 Chan Foo Kuen.

Class 5a: 1 George Fung, 2 Bertie Victor, 3 Carlos Roza, 4 Go Teong Lin, 5 F. X. Silva, 6 John Tak Choi, 7 P. N. V. Bau and 8 C. Wilkinson.

Class 5b: 1 Chan Wa, 2 Chan Fook, 3 Lam Chun Ip, 4 Young Kin Pan, 5 Luk Lok King 6 Tsang Tze Ming, 7 Fung Pak Lun and 8 Ho Suk Yee.

Class 4a: 1 Leo da Silva (Old Boys' Scholarship), Alfred Ribeiro, 3 Peter Castilho, 4 Carlos de Souza, 5 Carlos Osmund, 6 Caio da Silva, 7 Joseph Pau and 8 Augusto Muller.

Class 4b: 1 K. Lam Ying (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2 Y. Kwan Low, 3 U. Keun, 4 K. Ying Ping, 5 Shin Kuan, 6 D. Delgado, 7 H. Wing Kwan and 8 S. Alarcalas.

Class 6 (Kowloon): 1 C. Almada, 2 C. Souza, 3 C. Koza, 4 F. Alves, 5 R. Gomes and 6 J. Remedios.

Class 5 (Kowloon): 1 F. Britto, 2 P. Pinna, 3 E. Wong, 4 C. Wong, 5 W. Wohler and 6 L. Gomes.

Class 4 (Kowloon): 1 E. Soiza, 2 J. Alves, 3 S. Silva, 4 W. Urquhart, 5 M. Soares and 6 A. Carvalho.

Preliminary Class: 1 M. Silva (Lagard Scholarship), 2 Francis Woo, 3 A. M. Xavier, 4 A. Gomes, 5 J. Montalio, 6 F. Garcia, 7 M. Fishman and 8 Antonio Gay.

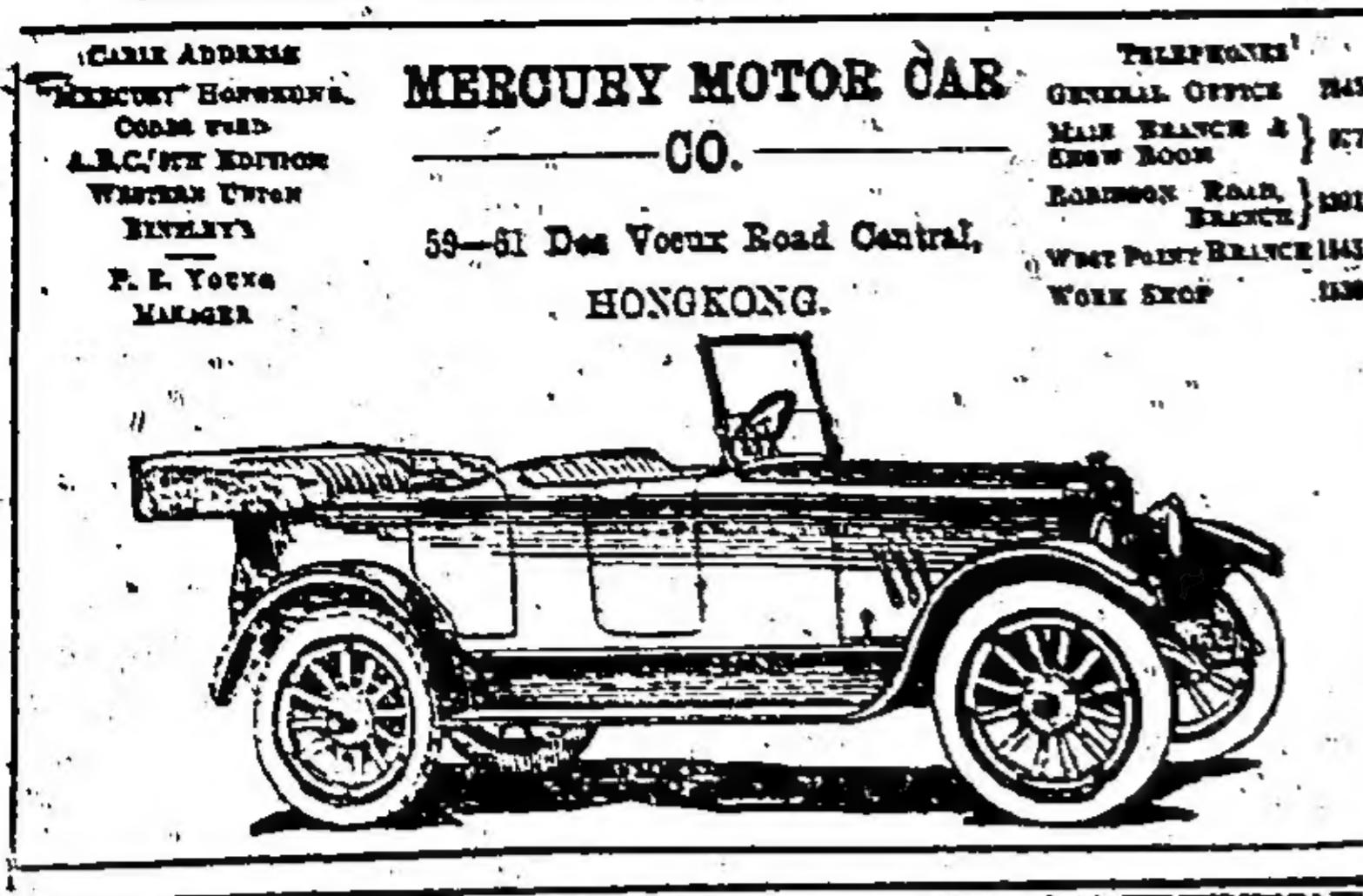
Department continued to give entire satisfaction. At the athletic field, the pupils, both past and present, had more than held their own. In football the present pupils were the Senior and Intermediate Champions; a past pupil won the Colony Championship in sports. The Juniors held the Championship of the Hongkong Inter-School Sports. The College "Boy Scouts" troop had been revived during the year and was now thoroughly organized. The School's best thanks were due to Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Bowen and Capt. MacGrath for the help they had given

COMPANY REPORT.

YANGTSEPOO COTTON MILL LTD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., General Managers of the Yangtsepo Cotton Mill, Ltd., Shanghai, have announced that the accounts for the Company's financial year terminated December 31, 1920, show a net profit of Sh. Ts. 1,473,214.63, with the amount brought forward from the previous year, viz.—Sh. Ts. 6,874.47, makes a total of Sh. Ts. 1,480,089.15. At



COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Office of the Company, on Monday, February 7, 1921, at 11 a.m., is as follows:

Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The net profit for the year amount to \$300,569.17, which, with the amount brought forward from last year \$22,576.75 and the recommended transfer of \$50,000 from Investment Fluctuation Account, gives an amount available for division of \$373,145.92. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share (\$30,000) has already been paid, leaving a balance of \$293,145.92 available for appropriation, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share.....	\$ 80,000.00
To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per share.....	60,000.00
To write off book value of steamers and wharves.....	40,000.00
To transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund.....	5,000.00
To transfer to Special Repairs Fund.....	20,000.00
To transfer to Floating Staff Pension Fund.....	62,847.79
To pay a Bonus to Office Staff.....	4,074.00
To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account.....	21,224.13
	\$293,145.92

The Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holyoak was invited to rejoin the Board in place of Mr. W. Sinclair and the appointment requires the confirmation of the Shareholders at this Meeting.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holyoak and Mr. W. E. Clarke retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who being eligible offer themselves for re-election as auditors for 1921.

E. V. D. PARR,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1920.

DEBIT.	
To Amount paid for repairs to steamers, wharves and lighter	\$ 127,337.58
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	9,600.00
" Balance available for appropriation	
Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares.....	\$ 80,000.00
Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares.....	80,000.00
Bonus of \$0.75 per share on 80,000 shares.....	60,000.00
	\$220,000.00
Write off book values of steamers and wharves.....	40,000.00
Transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund.....	5,000.00
Transfer to Special Repairs Fund.....	20,000.00
Transfer to "Floating Staff" Pension Fund.....	62,847.79
\$10,000.00 (ex 3.2.16).....	4,074.00
Bonus to Office Staff.....	21,224.13
To be carried forward to New Account.....	373,145.92
	\$ 510,133.50

CREDIT.

By Amount brought forward from last Account.....	\$ 22,576.75
Net Earnings of Steamers.....	343,353.47
Income from Investments.....	91,103.28
Transfer Fees.....	150.00
Difference between book value and amount realized by sale of lighter "Wooec" and 5ths of lighter "Sunlee".....	2,950.00
Transfer from Investment Fluctuation Account.....	50,000.00

\$ 510,133.50

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital of 80,000 Shares of \$1 each fully paid-up.....	\$ 1,200,000.00
Insurance and Underwriting Account, as per last account.....	\$ 427,085.42
Amount added during 1920.....	7,940.00
Depreciation Fund, as per last account.....	435,025.42
Equalization of Dividend Fund, as per last account.....	70,000.00
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss account for 1919.....	25,000.00
Investment Fluctuation Account, as per last account.....	\$ 38,702.31
Increase 12 months to date.....	120,560.65
Less transferred to Profit and Loss account.....	159,262.97
Special Repairs Fund, as per last account.....	50,000.00
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss account for 1919.....	20,307.55
Less disbursements to date.....	20,000.00
Unclaimed Dividends.....	373,145.92
Sundry Creditors.....	161,187.12
Profit and Loss Account.....	80,000.00
Less Interim Dividend paid August 1920.....	293,145.92
	\$2,446,709.93

ASSETS.

Steamers "Honam," "Hengshan," "Soi An," "Sui Tai," and 5ths "Kinshen" as per last account.....	\$ 765,500.00
Less written off for 1919.....	24,000.00
	\$742,500.00
Lighters "Sunlee" and "Wooec" as per last account.....	\$ 1,250.00
Less written off for 1919.....	500.00
	\$ 750.00
Less Book value "Wooec" and 5ths "Sunlee" sold.....	50.00
	700.00
Wharves and Moorings as per last account.....	\$ 152,750.00
Additions during 1920.....	560.94
	\$ 153,310.94
Less written off for 1919.....	15,500.00
	137,810.94

Properties at Canton and Kowloon, as per last account.....	\$ 103,021.71
Additions during 1920.....	56,250.00
Office Furniture, as per last account.....	1,000.00
Spare Gear and Stores.....	44,854.48
Interest accrued to date.....	2,465.13
Marine and Fire Insurance Premiums, account 1921, unexpired.....	10,311.50
Sundry Debts.....	64,384.64
	122,015.75

Investments at Market Value—Shares and Debentures in Local Companies.....	\$ 994,721.00
British Government Loans.....	176,211.55
	1,176,932.55
Loans on Mortgage.....	6,000.00
	1,176,932.55
Cash at Bankers.....	106,469.68
	\$2,446,709.93

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

P. H. HOLYOAK,
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
W. E. CLARKE, Directors.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and the returns from the Company's Agencies. We have also verified the Securities representing the investments and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of our information and explanations given us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

A. R. LOWE,
C. BERNARD BROWN, Chartered Accountants.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO. LTD.

The thirty-second report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, February 4, 1921, is as follows:

Gentlemen.—The Directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The net profits for the year amount to \$15,612.88 which, with \$1,323.28 balance brought forward from last year gives an amount available for division of \$17,935.56.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2.90 per share absorbing \$17,400.00 and to carry forward the balance \$535.56 to a new account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. John Rodger having returned to the Colony resumed his seat on the Board, Mr. G. W. Burton retiring.

Mr. T. F. Hough having resigned on leaving the Colony, the Rev. Father L. Robert has been appointed to fill the vacancy. This appointment now requires confirmation.

Mr. J. Rodger and the Rev. Father L. Robert now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith who now retires and offers himself for re-election.

T. E. PEARCE,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
Nominal Capital 6,000 Shares at \$50 per share.....	\$ 300,000.00
Issued Capital 6,000 Shares, at \$30.00 per share.....	180,000.00
Accounts Payable.....	1,014.89
Dividends Outstanding.....	1,103.20
Profit and Loss account—Balance from 1919 account.....	\$ 1,323.28
Profit for 1920.....	16,612.23
	17,935.56
	\$ 200,053.65

ASSETS.

Cost of Property.....	\$ 183,752.95
Cash at call.....	10,000.00
Cash in Hand.....	508.49
Cash at Bank.....	3,507.96
	4,016.45
Accounts Receivable.....	2,284.25
	\$ 200,053.65

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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Y. YASUDA, Manager.

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X. TSUJIMI, Manager.

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PORT	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	FOOTOW	Jan. 27, at D'light.
SHANGHAI	STENKO	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI AND BANGKOK	HAINAN	Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	TSINGTAO	Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.
PAHOE & HAIPHONG	KAMPO	Jan. 30, at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	CHENG	Feb. 1, at 9 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & PUERW	SHIEN	Feb. 1, at Noon.

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"DELTA"	5,000	5th Feb.	MARSEILLE, London & Liverpool, Singapore, Colombo & Bombay, Do.
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"LAURE"	5,200	27th Feb.	
"KASHGAR"	9,000	4th Mar.	MARSEILLE, London & Liverpool, Singapore, Colombo & Bombay, Do.
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"ALLPORE"	5,300	14th Mar.	

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKADA"	7,000	13th Feb.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"JAPAN"	6,000	20th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai and Kobe.
"LAHORE"	5,800	28th Jan.	Shanghai and Japan.
"KANOWNA"	5,000	1st Jan.	Japan direct.
"DUNERA"	5,400	1st Feb.	Shanghai.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"JAPAN"	6,000	20th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai and Kobe.
"LAHORE"	5,800	28th Jan.	Shanghai and Japan.
"KANOWNA"	5,000	1st Jan.	Japan direct.
"DUNERA"	5,400	1st Feb.	Shanghai.

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Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice.

Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglass, at 10 a.m. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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FURIMI MARU (omit Manila) — Wednesday, 31st Mar., at 11 a.m.

TOYAMA MARU (Calling Vancouver) — Friday, 11th Mar., at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Malacca, Penang

Colombo, Suez, Port Said & Marseilles.

KAGA MARU — Friday, 11th Feb., at 11 a.m.

YOKOHAMA MARU — Friday, 18th Feb., at 11 a.m.

KLEIST MARU — Friday, 4th Mar., at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU — Friday, 18th Mar., at 11 a.m.

ALDERMIN — Friday, 11th Mar., at 11 a.m.

HAMBUG, AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ROTTERDAM

LISBON MARU — Thursday, 10th February.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

TAMBA MARU — Beginning of March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday

Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

AKI MARU — Tuesday, 13th Feb., at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU — Tuesday, 20th Feb., at 11 a.m.

NIKKO MARU — Tuesday, 19th April, at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

TOYOSHIMA MARU — End of February.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

KANAGAWA MARU (Calling from Singapore) — Tuesday, 1st March.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

KAWACHI MARU — Thursday, 27th January.

TSUCHIMA MARU — Monday, 14th February.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

SAKUMI MARU — Thursday, 3rd February.

JAPAN PORTS — Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU — Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

BOMBAY MARU — Monday, 31st January.

MISHIMA MARU — Wednesday, 2nd Feb., at 11 a.m.

SADO MARU — Sunday, 10th Feb., at 11 a.m.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CURE FOR LEPROSY.

LONDON, January 25th.
Sir Leonard Rogers, who has returned from Calcutta after twenty-seven years in the Indian Service, has reported that he has discovered a system of treatment for destroying leprosy bacilli in human tissues. It is stated that he has got nearer to the remedy than any other British scientist.

Interviewed, Sir Leonard Rogers gave instances of the results of his system. One leper recovered his sight, another gained his sense of touch, yet another who could not walk three hundred yards now walked ten miles. He declared that he followed up the experiments of the American Heiser in the Philippine Islands, who injected chaulmoogra oil. Sir Leonard Rogers subsequently obtained a soluble sodium salt of unsaturated fatty acids forming the bulk of this oil and injected it. Reactions occurred, destroying the leprosy bacilli. Sir Leonard concluded that it was not yet possible to say that he had found a permanent cure, but there were good grounds for hoping that a real cure will be obtained.

NATIONALISATION OF MINES.

LONDON, January 25th.
The reports read at the Congress of the Miners International Federation in London showed that trade depression is universal and short time is being worked in most countries. Stocks of coal are accumulating.

The conference unanimously accepted a resolution passed by French and Belgian organisations, supported by the German organisation, calling on workers to redouble their activities in favour of the nationalisation of mines.

DUTCH AIR SERVICE.

LONDON, January 25th.
The new Dutch air service, which begins on April 1st, will cater for passengers and goods traffic. It involves a regular service from Amsterdam and Rotterdam to Brussels, Paris and London, also from Amsterdam to Bremen and Hamburg, also from Hamburg to Copenhagen.

DISTRESS IN INDIA.

LONDON, January 25th.
It is officially reported from India that distress is increasing in the Central Provinces and the Bombay Presidency where there are now 98,000 persons on relief work.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

NEW YORK, January 25th.
A fire has wiped out three blocks of the business section of the town of Athens in Georgia. The loss is estimated at four million dollars. The origin of the fire is not known.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW YORK, January 25th.
In the world's heavy-weight wrestling championship Lewis, nicknamed Strangler, defeated Earl Craddock in the 34 min. throwing him with a combined head-lock and hip-lock. The brutality of the head-lock, which is somewhat similar to the old stranglehold, incensed the spectators, and when Craddock became unconscious the cry of "Kill the Murderer" was raised and a concerted rush was made towards the ring. The Master of Ceremonies prevented the crowd from attacking Lewis.

It is announced that "Joe" Stecher, the former heavy-weight champion who was recently defeated by Lewis for the championship, is suffering from partial paralysis and will be unable to wrestle for another twelve months as a result of the headlock applied by Lewis.

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Hongkong, January 30, 1921.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship,

"TAMRA MARU".

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions to the contrary be given.

No claims will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 15th January.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 25th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

WELSH BY-ELECTION.

THREE CANDIDATES POSSIBLE.

LONDON, January 25.

The Cardiganshire Liberal Association has selected Mr. Llewelyn Williams by 205 votes against 127 for Mr. Evans. The latter previously declared that he would seek election whatever the Association's decision, while it is probable that a third candidate will be Sir Lewis Loveren-Pryse as Liberal anti-vote candidate.

[A London message dated January 1 stated:—The single by-election created by the Honours List promises to be exciting, as a straight fight is anticipated between a Coalition-Liberal and an Independent Liberal in a typical Welsh constituency so far represented by Mr. Vaughan Davies. It is expected that Mr. Evans, one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries, will be the Coalitionist, and he will probably be opposed by Mr. Llewelyn Williams, ex-member of Parliament for Carmarthen. Both are Welsh orators. The election may decide the fate of Welsh Liberalism, which has already split.]

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED.

BOMBAY, January 25.

The stock exchange and the cotton and bullion markets are closed. There is general suspension of business. Following a fight between European and Hindu boys in consequence of the former killing two pigeons feeding on the road, the police took charge of the boys but were followed by a crowd demanding the release of the Hindus, whereupon the police charged, injuring several persons. Seventeen arrests were made.

NEW ULSTER PARLIAMENT.

SIR EDWARD CARSON DECLINES UNIONIST PARTY LEADERSHIP.

LONDON, January 25.

Notwithstanding the appeals of an influential deputation of Ulster supporters, Sir Edward Carson has declined to accept the leadership of the Unionist Party in the New Ulster Parliament owing to the strain on his health but he has agreed to retain the chairmanship of the Ulster Unionists in the Imperial Parliament. Sir James Craig, M.P., will probably be invited to accept the leadership.

PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES.

AN AMERICAN ALTERATION TO MEET FOREIGN COMPETITION.

PORTLAND, OREGON, January 25.

The Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Steamship Company announces the decision of the trans-Pacific lines to make rates between the Far East and New York, to New Orleans via the Pacific coast ports and the Panama Canal, the same as via Suez in order meet foreign shipping competition.

FUNERAL OF LATE STRAITS ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

LONDON, January 25.

The congregation at the funeral of Sir Gerald Goodman, late Attorney General of the Straits Settlements, at Bath Abbey, included Sir Edward Brockman, former Chief Secretary, F.M.S., Sir Arthur Young, former Governor of the Straits Settlements, also Mr. Elliott representing the Singapore Bar, Mr. Murray-Johnson representing the Association of British Malaya, Mr. Goodman of the Malay States Civil Service, Mr. Sydney Helps from the P.W.D. Straits Settlements, and Professor D'Albuquerque.

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THE TURF.

TRAINING TIMES.

SOME GOOD GALLOPS.

A pleasant morning attracted quite a crowd to the Race Course to-day to see the ponies put through their paces. Some good gallops were witnessed. Most of the ponies were still kept on the sand course, as the grass course, which has already been open for galloping, is a little on the hard side at present. The Shanghai Horse Bazaar subscription griffins this year are of a much lower standard than usual, and several have been discarded in order to save stable expenses. Of the Larsen Subs. many are giving satisfaction to their owners. Especially is this the case with Repulse Bay Chief, who is sure to give a good account of himself at the meeting. Owing to the health of his trainer (Mr. Currie), Sir Paul Chater is not training his ponies in the early mornings, but is putting them through their paces later in the day. This explains the absence of any mention of the Dahlias in the times recorded below.

Following are the times taken this morning. They are given in minutes, seconds and fifth of seconds for each quarter of the distance covered by the ponies:

1/2 MILE.

*Alfred King, 35. 1.11.3, 1.44, last quarter 32.2.

St. Anthony, 37. 1.13, 1.48, last quarter 35.

Mountain King, 38. 3. 1.15.3, 1.46.2, last quarter 30.4.

*Leo Test, 34. 1.06, 1.39.4, last quarter 33.4.

*Evergreen and Shooting Star, 40. 1.15, 1.47.3, last quarter, 32.3.

Javelin, 38, 1.15, 1.46, last quarter, 31.

Field Child, 42.1, 1.21, 1.53.4, last quarter 32.4.

Pott's Derby, 35. 1.10.2, 1.44.1, last quarter 33.4.

Pott's Bay Derby, 35. 1.11.1, 1.44, last quarter 32.4.

*Repulse Bay Chief, 33. 1.05.4, 1.37.1, last quarter 30.2.

Water Light and Savernake, 38.2, 1.18, 1.50, last quarter 32.

Dolphin, 36.2, 1.15, 1.44.2, last quarter 29.2.

Jazz King, 35. 1.12, 1.46, last quarter 34.

*Pawshop, 45. 1.25.2, 1.56.2, last quarter 31.

Jock, 36. 1.11.3, 1.46.2, last quarter 34.4.

ONE MILE.

*Don Carlos, 42. 1.18.3, 1.55, 2.26.4, last quarter 31.4.

Harlequin, 37. 1.14, 1.48.3, 2.19, last quarter 30.2.

*Fighting King, 33. 1.07.2, 1.43, 2.13.3, last quarter 30.3.

*Specular Mouse, 39. 1.15, 1.51, 2.22, last quarter 31.

Jogglebury Crowdy and Coat of Arms, 34.3, 1.11, 1.47, 2.20, last quarter 33.

Taipo Chief, 37. 1.16, 1.52.3, 2.32.3, last quarter 30.4.

*Spotted Sand, 38. 1.16, 1.54, 2.25, last quarter 31.

Invincible King, 40. 1.16, 1.51, 2.22, last quarter 31.

Don Penco, 35. 1.10.2, 1.47, 2.19, last quarter 32.

Siamese Cat, 40. 1.19, 1.54.3, 2.26.2, last quarter 31.4.

Spyne, 37. 1.14.3, 1.51, 2.24, last quarter 33.

Mountain Mist and Mountain Stream, 1.16, 1.49.3, 2.24, last quarter 34.2.

Moorland King, 36. 1.12.1, 1.47.3, 2.20.2, last quarter 32.4.

*Ankle Deep, 35. 1.10, 1.45, 2.17, last quarter 32.

Forest Child, 43. 1.22.1, 1.56.2, 2.26.3, last quarter 30.1.

Black Friar and Grey Friar, 41.3, 1.20, 1.56, 2.31.2, last quarter 35.2.

Mighty King, 42.1, 1.25.3, 2.07, 2.42, last quarter 35.

Sir Newton and Joy Bell, 43. 1.23.3, 2.01.2, 2.24, last quarter.

*Dandy Child and Valley Child, 35.3, 1.11.2, 1.46.2, 2.18, last quarter 31.3.

Bruins, 33. 1.07.3, 1.42, 2.12, last quarter 30.

Aspirin, 39. 1.18, 1.56.3, 2.30, last quarter 33.2.

*Don Pedro and Don Juan, 37.2, 1.15.2, 1.53.1, 2.26, last quarter 32.4.

Theracefin, 36. 1.12.3, 1.50, 2.25, last quarter 31.3.

Boishevik, 44. 1.16, 1.54, 2.35, 3.08, last quarter 33.

Adventure and Misery, 40. 1.13, 1.49.2, 2.26, 2.58.2, last quarter 32.2.

Pure Silver, 46. 1.25, 2.05, 2.12.3.

Twinkle Toes, 43. 1.20, 2.01, 2.40, 3.12.3, last quarter 31.3.

The Renown, 46. 1.30, 2.10, 2.47, 3.27, 4.00.1, 4.38.1, last quarter 32.

*Outside grass track.

FAMINE RELIEF.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN.

PEKING, Jan. 22.

An intensive famine fund drive throughout the country was initiated by influential Chinese and foreign leaders, including several Cabinet members, at a luncheon given by Dr. Yen, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The campaign will be held late in February extending over one week, and it is hoped that it will be nation wide. It is strongly recommended that the campaign be carried on under the auspices of the various international famine relief societies. Tientain delegates present at the meeting indicated that their society undoubtedly would unite in the effort. The Chief Secretary stated that President Hsu would loyally support the campaign. A strong committee of management has been appointed at Peking. The committee will co-operate with all other societies promoting the national campaign.

SPECIAL CABLE.

EL DORADO TRAGEDY.

FURUSHI'S SENTENCE.

STAY OF EXECUTION REFUSED.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

Furush applied for a stay of execution of his sentence but was overruled.

THEATRE ROYAL.

DENNISTON PLAYERS.

THE EYES OF YOUTH.

One thing was conspicuous at the performance last night of "The Eyes of Youth" at the Theatre Royal by the Denniston Players, and this was that the audience liked it so well that it stayed behind at the end of the show to give Miss Wade Howard and the others of the company a generous number of curtain calls. And Hongkong audiences seldom do that. Usually they are hurrying down the stairs and out the door, about thirty seconds after the curtain falls, headed for home.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

WILKIE-NEWE.

PRETTY KOWLOON CEREMONY.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a very pretty wedding this afternoon when the Rev. G. R. Lindsay married Mr. Percival William Aldred Wilke of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, to Miss Lilian Neave.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. Thomas Neave, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., was attended by Miss Florence Neave as bridesmaid, and Misses Mary Davison and Mary Rattee as flower girls. Mr. W. R. Farmer, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, ably performed the duties of bestman.

The bride looked charming in white charmeuse draped and trimmed with orange blossom. She wore also a long train from the shoulders, of lace bordered all round with a fold of charmeuse, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums, Arctic lilies, and maiden hair fern. A pretty dress of geranium net over white satin with hat to match was worn by the bridesmaid who carried a bouquet of sweet peas and maiden hair fern. The flower girls were prettily dressed in white net with flower waist bands and wore wreaths of flowers round their heads. They also carried dainty baskets with sweet peas and maiden hair ferns. The bride's mother wore a becoming dress of prune-coloured charmeuse embroidered in steel, and led into a sordid, dissolute life, which terminates in the shooting of her betrayer by her young brother.

Finally, she sees herself as she would be if she married the man of wealth and forsaken by her lover.

She has three glimpses into the future. Each of those is played out on the stage.

She sees herself as she would be if she follows the advice of the suitor who urges her to remain at home and travel the path of duty, as he conceives it—a tired, unhappy school teacher bereft of her voice and her beauty, and forsaken by her lover for her younger sister.

She sees herself also as she would be if she accepted the offer of an operatic career—deceived by the smooth promises of the impresario and led into a sordid, dissolute life,

which terminates in the shooting of her betrayer by her young brother.

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pressing her to accept him. An operatic manager offers to take her to Paris, and promises her a successful career. One of the staff pleads that it is her duty to stay at home and look after her younger brother and sister; the second is wealthy and in a position to give her every luxury; the third can give her only his devotion. While attempting to decide which of the four offers she shall accept, and finding it a difficult problem, an Indian Yogi appears and enables her, by gazing into a crystal in his possession, to look forward five years.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

JAN. 27.—O.S.K. Soochow Maru.
28.—I.C.S.N. Hapsang.
29.—D.L. Haiching.
30.—C.N. Hangchow.
31.—D.L. Haikong.
32.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.
Feb. 1.—C.N. Chengtu.
1.—D.L. Haikong.
1.—I.C.S.N. Kwangtung.

AMOY.

JAN. 27.—O.S.K. Soochow Maru.
30.—D.L. Haikong.
31.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.
Feb. 1.—C.N. Szechuan.
1.—D.L. Haikong.
19.—J.C.J.L. Tsinlong.

FOOCHOW.

JAN. 27.—O.S.K. Kaito Maru.
30.—D.L. Haikong.
Feb. 1.—D.L. Haikong.

SHANGHAI.

JAN. 27.—C.N. Sunning.
27.—C.N. Yoochow.
28.—I.C.S.N. Nippon.
29.—C.N. Yoochow.
30.—I.C.S.N. Ningpo.
31.—L.T. (D.F.C.) Hungaria.

Feb. 1.—P.O. & Mr. O. Dunera.
1.—C.N. Szechuan.
1.—I.C.S.N. Kwangtung.
10.—J.C.J.L. Tsinlong.
11.—E.F. Teiresias.
12.—E.F. Titan.
13.—P.O. Dilwara.
Mar. 2.—B.F. Telamon.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Feb. 2.—I.C.S.N. Lekang.

PAKHOL AND HAIPHONG.

Jan. 31.—C.N. Kaito.

PUKOW.

Feb. 1.—C.N. Szechuan.

TSINGTAO.

Jan. 28.—C.N. Yingchow.

TAKAO.

Jan. 27.—O.S.K. Soochow Maru.

KEELUNG.

Jan. 30.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

SAIGON.

Jan. 31.—M.M. Paul Leacat.

Feb. 2.—O.S.K. Canan Maru.

26.—M.M. Armand Bebic.

BANGKOK.

Jan. 29.—C.N. Hayang.

Feb. 1.—C.N. Chengtu.

2.—O.S.K. Unsan Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Feb. 2.—O.S.K. Unsan Maru.

7.—C.M.S. China.

Apr. 3.—C.M.S. Nile.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.

Jan. 28.—I.C.S.N. Juansang.

29.—A.I. Abertos.

Mar. 18.—C.M.S. Nanking.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Jan. 27.—J.C.J.L. Tsinlong.

Feb. 1.—D.L. Calcutta.

11.—N.Y.R. (D.M.C.) Massar M.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.

(VIA Rangoon).

Feb. 1.—I.C.S.N. Namsan.

3.—N.Y.K. Sandou Maru.

12.—B.I.A. Takada.

18.—B.I.A. Arikato Asper.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Jan. 27.—N.Y.K. Kawachi Maru.

Feb. 2.—O.S.K. Ganes Maru.

12.—P.O. Dunera.

14.—N.Y.K. Tsuchima Maru.

26.—P.O. Lahore.

14.—P.O. Alipore.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Feb. 15.—N.Y.K. Ak Maru.

16.—A.O. Changsha.

18.—E.A. Kaowu.

21.—C.A. Victoria.

Mar. 8.—E.A. Gao.

12.—N.Y.K. Alibau.

19.—N.Y.K. Nitto Maru.

Apr. 19.—N.Y.K. Nitto Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

Jan. 28.—P.I.A. Japan.

31.—N.Y.K. Alipore.

31.—P.O. Dabore.

31.—E.A. Kanjawa.

2.—N.Y.K. Mithuna Maru.

3.—P.O. Nanya.

4.—B.F. Ryukyu.

8.—B.I. Apam.

7.—N.Y.K. (D.C.) Strang M.

10.—M.M. Portos.

12.—B.F. Stentor.

15.—P.O. Kashim.

16.—N.Y.K. Tango Maru.

21.—M.M. Cordillera.

26.—P.O. Keemun.

29.—P.O. Kyber.

Mar. 4.—B.F. Idomenes.

15.—M.M. Chile.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

Jan. 22.—N.Y.K. Tajima Maru.

31.—S.A. West Jessup.

7.—O.S.K. Hawaii Maru.

10.—C.P.O.S. Express of Russia.

10.—W.L. West Liao.

22.—O.S.K. Africa Maru.

Mar. 11.—N.Y.K. Toyama Maru.

12.—C.P.O.S. Express of Japan.

13.—C.P.O.S. Express of Asia.

31.—C.P.O.S. Express of Asia.

Apr. 7.—O.P.O.S. Montevideo.
28.—C.P.O.S. Express of Russia.
May 17.—C.P.O.S. Express of Japan.

VICTORIA.

JAN. 28.—N.Y.K. Tajima Maru.
Feb. 7.—U.S.K. Hawaii Maru.
10.—W.L. West Liao.
12.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru.
23.—O.S.K. Africa Maru.
Mar. 11.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru.
11.—N.Y.K. Toyama Maru.

BEATTLE.

JAN. 28.—N.Y.K. Tajima Maru.
31.—S.D. West Jessup.
Feb. 1.—R.S.K. Procellane.
7.—A.L. Eldridge.
9.—O.S.K. Hawan Maru.
10.—W.L. West Liao.
12.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru.
17.—R.P. Teocen.
23.—O.S.K. Africa Maru.
Mar. 9.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru.
10.—R.P. Takahashi.
12.—N.Y.K. Toyama Maru.
13.—A.L. Wheadland Mar.
21.—N.Y.K. City of Spokane.
Apr. 4.—R.P. Tyndale.
May 4.—R.P. Tuck.
18.—R.P. Proteus.

TACOMA.

Feb. 7.—O.S.K. Hawaii Maru.
10.—W.L. West Liao.
25.—O.S.K. Africa Maru.

SAN FRANCISCO.

JAN. 27.—C.M.S. Nile.
Feb. 1.—S.D. West Islip.
7.—T.R.K. Shioya Maru.
13.—D.L. West Islip.
24.—T.E.K. Persia Maru.
25.—C.M.S. China.
Mar. 7.—T.K.K. Korea Maru.
19.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru.
30.—C.M.S. Nanking.
Apr. 2.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru.

LOS ANGELES.

Feb. 2.—L.A.P.N. West Hixton.
PORTLAND.

VALPARAISO.

VIA JAPAN, HONOLU, SAN FRANCISCO,
SAN PEDRO, SANTA CRUZ, ETC.
Feb. 1.—T.K.K. Reijo Maru.
Mar. 12.—T.K.K. Akyo Maru.
May 12.—T.K.K. Seijo Maru.

NEW YORK.

(VIA PANAMA)
Jan. 28.—S.D. Bolton Castle.
Feb. 2.—S.D. Lancaster.
5.—A.L. Satsuma.
21.—D.L. Bessemer Mar.
(VIA STETZ.)

NEW ORLEANS.

Feb. 7.—O.S.K. Hamburg Maru.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.
(VIA SINGAPORE, BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS AND MACEIO).
Mar. 8.—O.S.K. Seattle Maru.

EUROPEAN PORTS.

RINDISI, VENICE, & TRIESTE.
Feb. 10.—E.T. Plaza.
Mar. 3.—L.T. Hungaria.

MARSELLES.

Jan. 31.—M.M. Paul Leacat.
Feb. 20.—M.M. Armand Bebic.

LONDON.

Feb. 4.—G.L. Gloucester.
5.—B.P.O. Delta.
6.—B.F. Jixon.
8.—B.F. Lissco.
10.—N.Y.K. Lindsay Maru.
10.—P.O. Hindustan.
11.—N.Y.K. Nagoya Maru.
12.—N.Y.K. Yokohama Maru.
13.—B.F. Menton.
14.—G.L. Tenerias.
15.—G.L. Gentara.
16.—B.F. Ningchow.
17.—B.F. Kashgar.
18.—P.O. Elest.
19.—B.F. Helens.
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24.—P.O. Kashmir.
25.—B.F. Keemun.
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27.—B.F. Epiror.

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China Sugars — \$261 b.
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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 28TH JANUARY, 1921.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

11 A.M.
Sterling Exchange 2/10 T.T.
EASTER.
Hongkong Banks — \$781 n.
Asia East — \$124 b.

MARINE INSURANCE.

Canton Insurance — \$368 b.
North China Insurance — \$153 n.
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Yangtze Insurance — \$23 b.
Far Eastern — T 20 n.

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LIVERPOOL.

Jan. 28.—B.F. Archibus.
8.—B.F. Knight Templar.
15.—B.F. Lycon.
Mar. 1.—B.F. Titan.
15.—B.F. Teocen.
22.—B.F. Kashgar.
Apr. 11.—B.F. Idomenes.

ANTWERP.

Jan. 20.—B.F. Ikon.
Feb. 10.—O.S.K. Himalaya Maru.
11.—N.Y.K. Baga Maru.
12.—B.F. Mentor.
13.—B.F. Teocen.
22.—B.F. Yokohama Maru.
Mar. 3.—B.F. Lycon.
4.—N.Y.K. Krest

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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WAR IN IRELAND.

GENERAL STRICKLAND DEFENDS OFFICIAL REPRISALS.

DEPLORABLE BUT SALUTARY.

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY ORGANISATION BEING BROKEN UP.

LONDON, January 25.

General Strickland, interviewed in Cork, defended official reprisals. He admitted they were deplorable and were disliked by soldiers but their effects were salutary. He said that houses were only destroyed when the occupants were known to sympathise with the organisers of ambuscades or refused information. He believed that reprisals strengthened the hands of people unwilling to participate in but helpless to prevent ambuscades. He expressed the opinion that the organisation of the Irish Republican Army was being broken up, its communications smashed, and local bodies dealt with in detail. As evidence of that he pointed out that nothing had been accomplished by recent attacks on barracks, the assailants having always been easily repulsed. He concluded by declaring that courts martial were absolutely fair. A special corps of trained court martial officers was being established.

HOW DE VALERA RETURNED.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26.

The actual method of De Valera's return from America is probably explained by a story in the newspapers declaring that the captain of a cargo boat just returned from England identified De Valera's photo as that of a stoker on the last voyage to England who deserted on December 10 while the ship was in harbour at London.

STERLING ADVANCES.

REACHES HIGHEST RATE FOR SIX MONTHS.

NEW YORK, January 25.

Sterling reached \$3.824, the highest for six months.

NAVAL HOLIDAY QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

The Senate has adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Borah asking the Senate naval committee for information whether it is advisable or feasible to suspend American naval building for six months.

COLONIAL OFFICE CHANGE.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED.

LONDON, January 25.

Reuter learns that Lord Milner and Mr. Winston Churchill today informally discussed preliminary arrangements in consequence of the latter's impending appointment as Colonial Secretary. The formal handing over of the seals of office, which will be attended with some ceremony, necessitates the presence of the King. Lord Milner will relinquish as soon as His Majesty's attendance can be secured. It is understood that Lord Milner intends going abroad as soon as possible. The War Office to-day did not confirm Mr. Churchill's reported visit to Mesopotamia and says that he is not likely to formulate plans until his appointment has received royal assent.

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"PYRRHUS"	3rd May		
"ANCHISES"	21st June		
"MENTOR"	5th July		
"TEIRESIAS"	19th July		

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Swatow, Amoy, and Taksu	Dr. Pierre Bocet	10 a.m.
*Shanghai and *North China		

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.

Correspondence bearing vessel's name only:

CRIMINAL SESSION.

CARGO PILFERING.

HOLES WHARF CASE.

Trial of the defendants in the Holes Wharf Cargo Pilfering case began this morning at the January Criminal Session, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Gompertz. The defendants are Ma Yun Lun, Lai Lai, and Li Ming. The case of the first named was heard, and he was sentenced to three years. Trial of the other two defendants was postponed until to-morrow morning.

Defendant was charged on three counts: larceny, in that he stole four cases of piece goods and three bales of blankets, the property of the Ocean Steamship Co., Ltd., larceny from a wharf; and falsification of accounts, in that he altered or concurred in a check-book and in a position of great trust and responsibility. As his Lordship was aware, there had been a good deal of cargo pilfering, and it was necessary to put a stop to it.

His Lordship: Defendant had an important function in charge of goods. Up to the present time the Chinese who performed these functions have been, in almost every case, very honest and very trustworthy.

The maximum penalty provided by the ordinance is only three years. I don't see my way clear to pass a less penalty than three years.

Owing to the absence of Counsel for the other defendants, the case against them was adjourned until to-morrow.

EASY MONEY.

AND HARD LABOUR.

CONFIDENCE MAN SENTENCED.

Greed made an apprentice accountant to a grocery shop an easy victim to a confidence man whom he met near the old Harbour Office on January 11, while on his way to pay an account for \$216 for his master. Promised \$100 for his trouble, the youth readily agreed to change a roll of notes, supposed to amount to over \$1,000, which the man said he had picked up. In exchange for the notes, which were seemingly placed in an envelope and wrapped up in a handkerchief, the youth handed the man his master's \$216 to hold as security until he returned from the money-changer with the desired change. At

1888, he said, they had remitted to their homes at a cheap rate. Since 1888, he said, they had remitted to their homes \$6,473,394.76 guineas. This was by no means all they had saved, as they took most of it home with them in their pockets.

Yesterday afternoon, happening to meet the trickster when coming out of a tea house, the youth gave chase and had him arrested by a Chinese constable.

Mr. Alabaster, in his behalf, addressed the Court. He said defendant was a mere boy. He had been at work in the godown only a few months, therefore he was the sort of boy who would be the prey of others.

He had made a clean breast of the matter from the first. He asked his Lordship to take into consideration

when he was searched, the Magistrate passed sentence of six months hard labour. The accused had a previous conviction for a similar offence seven years ago.

COOLIE TRAFFIC.

LOCAL SLAVE TRAFFIC DENIED.

INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

We do not happen to know the conditions in which Chinese coolie labour works in Sumatra, but from what we have seen personally of the rubber and coffee plantations there, we have no reason to think that a coolie going there from China is necessarily exchanging his lot for a worse one. Nor are we acquainted with all the reasons that moved the Canton government, according to the *Canton Times*, to impose such conditions on the recruiting of labour that the Deli Planters Association has felt obliged to remove its China headquarters from Swatow to Hongkong.

It was certain that in this commonplace looking incident we could find no excuse for our Canton contemporary's hectic headline, "Will Slave Trade be Allowed in Hongkong?" To ascertain what it was all about, we interviewed Mr. M. Van Izeren, the head of the immigration department of the Vereeniging named, who is at the Hongkong Hotel.

He said that there was absolutely no basis for any suggestion that the employment of coolie labour in Sumatra amounted to slave trade, and went on to explain the conditions under which such labour is engaged.

The Deli Planters Association, he said, is an association of tobacco growers, representing 84 estates, all of them in Deli, on the East Coast of Sumatra. Until recently it included a large British firm, the United Landak Plantation Company. This firm has been sold to a Dutch Company. Labour is obtained from Java and South China. About 10,000 to 12,000 workers a year come from South China.

Since 1888, the office of the association for recruiting labour in South China has been situated in Swatow, and until the war was in charge of German agents. With the coming of the war, the association took over the task itself.

Within the last few years the Canton authorities have been trying to impose various restrictions on the association which it refused to accept. For one thing, they wanted the association to prohibit gambling in Sumatra. The association took the position that the Canton authorities had no more right to try to enforce a prohibition of gambling in Sumatra than in Hongkong. They tried also to impose their own system of labour inspection on the plantations in Sumatra. The association held it was sufficient that the plantations were under the labour inspection of the Dutch Government. Free

treatment is provided for any who are ill. The term of work for which they are engaged is for the raising of one crop. On arrival they are given ground and seedlings. They plant, cultivate, and harvest the crop, being paid for every thousand plants. From the time they arrive until the crop is harvested is less than a year, although they happen to arrive after all the land is allotted, in which case they have to wait a few months until it is available. It is made compulsory by the Dutch Government that the coolies shall be returned home when the crop is completed, unless they prefer to stay.

The rules of the Association and the balance sheet were unanimously passed by the meeting, the latter showing a balance of \$205.05. The officers of the Association, who served last year, were re-elected for another year.

In connection with the Tennis League it was announced that the League would in future be controlled by the Association. Reference was made to the present rule which debarred a man, who had played twice for the "B" Division, from entering the "B" Division.

Mr. Penman thought the rule was too strict.

Dr. Woodman said the object of